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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES - UNCTAD COMMON FUND  
MEETING, NOV 7 - DEC 2

REF: STATE 191312

1. PROBABLE OMAN GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS AT NOVEMBER UNCTAD  
COMMON FUND MEETING ARE COMMERCE MINISTER MUHAMMED  
ZUBAIR AND SALIM MACKI, DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY. ZUBAIR AND MACKI HAVE BEEN THE CHIEF  
OMAN DELEGATION TO PREVIOUS UNCTAD MEETINGS. SALIM MACKI  
IS THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON IN THE OMAN GOVERNMENT ON  
MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND SHOULD PLAY A LEADING ROLE  
IN FORMULATING OMANGOV POSITION AT NOVEMBER MEETING.

2. SINCE MACKI IS ON LEAVE, WE ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN CLEAR  
PICTURE OF OMANGOV'S THINKING ON COMMON FUND. BASED ON  
PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH MACKI, OMANGOV FAVORS COMMON  
FUND AND OTHER METHODS OF ACHIEVING STABLE COMMODITY PRICES.  
OMAN'S DEPENDENCE ON PETROLEUM EXPORTS AND THE ANTICIPA-  
TION OF MODEST COPPER EXPORTS IN A FEW YEARS ENCOURAGES  
OMANGOV SUPPORT FOR MOVES TO MAXIMIZE MINERALS REV-  
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ENUES. MACKI HAS SHOWN PARTICULAR INTEREST IN IMPROVING  
ACCESS FOR LDC COMMODITIES IN WESTERN MARKETS. HOWEVER,  
HE IS AWARE OF INFLATIONARY STIMULUS OF ARTIFICIALLY HIGH  
COMMODITY PRICES AND WOULD NOT SUPPORT EFFORTS TO FORM CAR-  
TELS FOR A FULL RANGE OF RAW MATERIALS.

3. OMANGOV WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT G-77 MODERATES WITHOUT

TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE ON MOST ISSUES. THE GENERAL ARAB  
CONSENSUS WILL PROBABLY BE FOLLOWED IN ALL VOTING SITUATIONS.  
SINCE OMAN DOES NOT HAVE GREAT WEIGHT IN GROUP OF 77 DIS-  
CUSSIONS, WE DO NOT THINK A SPECIAL TRIP BY U.S. EXPERT WOULD  
BE WORTHWHILE. HOWEVER, MACKI AND ZUBAIR ARE OPEN-MINDED  
AND PRO-WESTERN AND MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS  
WITH U.S. DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE.

4. WE WILL DISCUSS COMMON FUND WITH MACKI AND PRESENT TALKING  
POINTS AFTER HE RETURNS FROM VACATION.  
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